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...YOU HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE TERRIFIED.
I RID THE WORLD OF A TALK-SHOW HOST...
...TAKE HIS PLACE ON THE RADIO IN ORDER TO DRIVE LISTENERS INSANE...
...AND YOU, A LOWLY TECHNICIAN, CUT OFF THE TRANSMISSION?!
TAKES GUTS. I LIKE THAT.
BUT RULES ARE RULES. YOU LEFT MY LISTENERS WITH STATIC...
NO...
...NOW THE FCC REQUIRES THAT I LEAVE YOU WITH DEAD AIR.

HE SAID, "NO."
KROM
GHOST RIDER!
YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO HIM, BLACKOUT!
NOW, WHEN YOU BEG FOR MERCY, MY EARS WILL BE DEAF TO YOUR PLEAS!
YOU TALK A LOT FOR SOMEONE WHOSE HEAD IS ON FIRE.
LET ME HELP YOU PUT IT OUT.
KLANG
THAT DEVICE CAN'T HARM ME.

BUT IT CAN DISTRACT YOU-- SO I CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO DO THIS!
SHREK
AAARGH!
YOUR STRENGTH IS GREATER THAN IT'S EVER BEEN, BLACKOUT--
--BUT IT'S STILL NO MATCH FOR MINE!
WHAM

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE--SO LONG AS I HAVE A HOSTAGE.
ANY CLOSER, AND THE TECHNICIAN GETS IT.
POOR GHOST RIDER. FOR ALL YOUR POWER, YOU ALWAYS FALL DUE TO THE SAME WEAKNESS--
--THE INNOCENTS YOU TRY TO PROTECT.
AND YOU ALWAYS FALL PREY TO YOUR OVERCONFIDENCE.
WHA--?! HIS CHAIN--STRIKING WITH A LIFE OF ITS OWN?! I'M ENSNARED!!

NOW TELL ME HOW YOUR RADIO BROADCASTS HAVE DRIVEN NEW YORKERS TO MADNESS, OR I'LL--
GLADLY. I WAS GIVEN MYSTICAL WORDS TO SPEAK, WITH A TERRIBLY VIOLENT POWER OF SUGGESTION...
...BY ZARATHOS!
...YOU SEE, THE RIOTS ARE JUST A DIVERSION, TO KEEP YOU "HEROES" BUSY...
...WHILE ZARATHOS, THE FIEND OF FIENDS, RETURNS TO THIS DIMENSION! AND IN THE AGE OF DARKNESS HE BRINGS WITH HIM, I WILL THRIVE!
AND NOW, IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP ANY OF IT!
I'LL FIND A WAY, BLACKOUT -- FOR ZARATHOS MUST NOT BE REBORN!
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